



Rotary Club of Kalamazoo

January 30, 2023

Editarian: Amy Remmert

President Kristin Chesak called our meeting to order at approximately 12:10 PM. The Club recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Past President Aaron Winters presented our invocation.

Rotarian Alisa Carrel presented Arts News today. There are several events coming up before Valentine's day! For up-to-date information, such as times, locations, and other information for events in our area, click: <https://www.kalamazooarts.org/>.

Rotarian Jack Hopkins introduced his guests, Derek Nofz from Consumers Energy and Lucinda Stinson, who has had a long history with non-profits in Kalamzoo. Jim Escamilla brought Glen Glidden.

Announcements

- Jim Cupper announced he will be organizing this years return to Rotary is for Reading.

Happy Bucks!

- Jim Cupper gave a happy buck in hopes that Jack Hopkins doesn't mention Marietta College
- Rotarian Jack Hopkins gave a happy buck and did mention Marietta College.
- Jeff Murphy gave a buck to make the announcement that RED ROSE nominations are needed.
- Rick Briscoe gave but not sure I heard correctly what it was for.

Presentation:

Today was a club assembly and to start out the program, Amy Remmert gave an overview of the activities that the Satellite Club is engaged in this year accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation showcasing some of the key project.

- **Oddlympics** will proceed in planning for September 20, 2023 – at the Soccer Field located a Mayors Riverfront Park. Rosat will be partnering with Kalamazoo City Park's and Rec. A goal of \$20,000 has been set. Planning is ongoing.
- **The DoDah Parade** participation is being considered. If we do this, a theme will be determined and may need to be relevant to today's younger generation. The February Meeting will focus on a theme.
- **Art on the Mall** volunteer participation is going to be on the agenda again this year.

- **Bronson Park Flags** for Memorial Day is again on the agenda. This year, it was recommended that they be placed around the park for a week leading up to Memorial Day. We are looking to expand the sales.
- **Operation Ray** is a project where we send care packages to overseas military personnel from the area and will be funded at least partially by the income from the flag sales. Flag sales will be offered to individuals beyond the club members.
- **Santa's Workshop** is yet to be determined as a future project. Waiting for word from organizers.
- **KUDO'S** – This project was brought to Rotary by Christina Dorett to help northside residents winterize their homes. It was a good project and we should consider continuing this and maybe expanding participation.
- **Trunk or Treat** had been a very successful project aimed at giving kids a safe Halloween experience.
- **Thanksgiving baskets** to needy family.

As you can see, there are many opportunities for participation by all club members

Kristen reported her goal for this year's Charities were increased and she is confident we can reach goal before the end of the fiscal year. So far the following was reported:

International: \$4871 of a goal of \$6400 have been donated to date.
 Polio Plus: \$4067 of a goal of \$6000 has been donated to date.

The last part of the meeting was focused on discussion around the strategic planning goals that were set out last year. Good conversation and we will be revisiting this.

Lastly, forms for the Red Rose nominations can be found on the Rotary website. Don't forget to nominate someone.

Next week's program (1/6/2023) will be presented by Rob Kennedy and will focus on Balance Training and Fall Prevention, introduced by Amy Remmert.

February 13 Program: "Memory Care" presented by Heritage Community, Ashley Lubbers & Aaron Bradford.

February 20 Program: Urban Bird Treaty, Gail Walter